

(2) whether the Government remembers its repeated promises to include same in the budgets of next year ever since 1906?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No such promise was ever made. The petitioners were, on the other hand, told that the matter will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—May I know whether the Government had occasion to inspect the proposed road? Several petitions were presented to the Government ever since 1906.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The road has been inspected.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Whether the Government consider the importance of the road as stated in the petition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is a useful road.

541. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of including in the budget for 1905 the necessary fund for opening the Vembara-Vandithavalam road?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, if funds permit.

Repair of a tank in Thonurkkara Village.

542. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many petitions have been received by the Government for the repairs of tank survey No. 49 of Thonurkkara village, Talappalli Taluk, and what action has been taken to improve its condition;

(b) what are the reports of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats about the repairs of this tank?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Three petitions. They were all enquired into.

(b) The reports are to the effect that the work may be taken up in the interests of agricultural improvement, though the expenditure involved is very large and the interested landholders are not willing to contribute anything towards the same.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does the Government propose to take up that work early?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, if a contribution is being made by the ryots.

Issuing a correction slip to the Legislative Council Proceedings.

543. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Secretary to the Legislative Council received a letter, dated 10th February 1929, from the Member for the Kunnankulam Constituency requesting to arrange for publishing a correction slip with reference to the Council Report, dated 10th August 1928;

(b) whether it was pointed out in that letter that 'December 1928' published in line 9, page 898 of the Report referred to, should be corrected as 'December 1925';

(c) whether he had requested to put his name among the 'Ayes' printed on page 874 of the Report under reference as he had voted so;

(d) whether any other correction he wanted to make and if so, what is it;

(e) what is the reason for not making the above corrections?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. He wrote that a few lines of a speech of his did not read well and wanted the Secretary to look into the matter.

(e) It was found that the errors, if any, were not of the reporters or of the Council Office, and so it was decided not to issue the correction slip.

Article in the Lokaprakasam Newspaper.

544. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—has the attention of the Government been drawn to the article “കൊച്ചി കായ്ക്കുമ്പോൾ” by “ചിത്രശാല” in the Lokaprakasam dated 24th Dhanu 1104; are the allegations true; if not, what action do the Government propose to take against the paper?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes. Government cannot vouchsafe for the truth of newspaper statements and they do not propose to take any action against the paper.

Honorary visitors to the Trichur Mental Hospital.

545. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of honorary visitors to the Mental Hospital, Trichur, for 1104 with the number of visits made by each;

(b) is there any rule or understanding about the number and date, etc., of visits they are to make; if so, what is that;

(c) the number to constitute a quorum and the number of visits in which there was no quorum;

(d) the number of lunatics who were released in 1104;